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NEW TRAFFIC SQUADS FOR ALBERTA ROADS

Provincial highway patrols have been increased in order to put a curb on speeding and reckless driving according to a recent announcement.

The highway traffic board will have seven uniformed traffic officers operating motor cycles on the highways within a short time. They will supplement the work of police in checking on traffic violations.

The new officers will be stationed at the following points: two at Calgary, two at Red Deer, two at Edmonton and one at Lethbridge.

In addition the board has 12 inspectors located at different points who give attention to operations of motor trucks and regulations covering these vehicles.

The addition of new traffic squads is expected to prove an effective aid in preventing reckless driving and in bringing about a reduction of accidents on highways.

Officials of the Alberta Motor Association recall that they have been stressing the need of safe driving for some time and any move along that line to promote safety is to be commended.

Experimenting restaurant operators have found that rush hour crowds can be speeded through their meals by use of "hurry-up" colors such as red, orange and yellow in decorating scheme. Cool greens and blue-greens are more restful, make people dawdle through their meals in more leisurely fashion — which might be a good thing at that.

As with her sister provinces, Newfoundland will be responsible for her own highways, education and most health and welfare facilities—all of which rank high among current needs. Ottawa will provide family allowances, old age pensions, unemployment insurance, sick mariners' benefits and housing assistance.

RECORD BEAVER PELT

Hilmer Hanson who has a registered trap line on the Hudson Railway, has trapped what he believes is a record beaver pelt, reports the Financial Post.

Game guardians call it an 82 inch pelt but their method of computation means that this is he combined length and breadth. It covers about 16 square feet, which is more beaver in one piece than the Natural Resources Department ever saw before.



BOOM, BOOSTS AND BENEFITS

Canadian labor leaders are showing increasing concern that wage boosts are now disappearing almost before the benefits are received and this is backed by official information in this capital.

It is learned here that the quickening rate of increase in the cost of living is gaining steadily over the current rising scale of wages in the leading industries and the latest available information seems to indicate that in the past 12 months wage gains in such leading industries were practically wiped out since at least approximately 74 back of living costs came wage scales in general. Thus, in face of a so called business boom which is supposedly bringing proper wage boosts, there is little doubt that living standards may start to go down in lead of going up. If this trend should continue indefinitely in the coming months SNAGS AND UORE SHAGS

It is known behind the scenes as long Parliament Hill that there was strong suspicion that the desire of several provincial premiers for a Royal Commission to conduct a thorough probe of freight rates across Canada was likely to run into legal snags and this has happened, with the Justice Department here ruling now that the Government's legal powers may not allow the central authorities to act on such a Royal Commission in strict accord with the provincial leaders' request

except under certain legal limitations.

Apparently it appears that a Royal Commission could still be created to probe the freight rates if these legal snags are overcome or the Board of Transport Commissioners here is given the assignment. In addition, a searching inquiry of transportation as a whole could be made by a Royal Commission since this is in the legal rights of the central authorities, if such a move should be decided on.

LESS ARE WALKING NOW.

According to officials in the capital, more people proportionately have cars in Ontario than in any other province throughout this country during the past year since a nation-wide survey by the Canadian Government has revealed that there was an average of 6.5 people per passenger car in Ontario in the past 12 months compared with 7 in the preceding year.

Likewise this survey has shown that elsewhere this average across Canada was as follows, in order, with last year's figures in brackets: Alberta 7.8 (8.4) people per passenger car; Saskatchewan 8 (8.2); British Columbia 8.1 (9.2); Manitoba 9.3 (9.5); P.E.I. 12.4 (13.2); Nova Scotia 13.2 (11.3); New Brunswick 14.2 (15.7); Quebec 17.6 (19.3) and Yukon 22.9 (22.3).

MORE UNKNOWN THAN KNOWN

The disclosure of a proposed 3-day visit to Ottawa of Britain's top man in finance and economics, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has been no great secret or surprise to veteran observers here because it can be told that such a visit has been expected now for some time, particularly since well-informed sources had hinted broadly that something new was being considered at top levels for this fall in regard to the financial relations between Canada and Britain. This latest action, it is understood here, is being taken now wholly upon the initiative or proposal of the British authorities, though it is believed that by paying cash on the line for imports and selling her exports on credit Canada was bound to make some strategic financial move to avoid running into serious complications.

Many questions about the exact purposes of these important financial talks between Sir Stafford and the Canadian representatives remain unanswered so far but it is held that these must be important because it is reported that Sir Stafford would spend three days here for discussion this being a rather lengthy period customarily for just a so-called "routine" visit for a British Chancellor of the Exchequer.

DROPPING REPRESENTATIVES

While the Canadian Government alone can determine whether or not representatives of opposition groups in Parliament should accompany the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Assembly in Paris this month, yet the fact that these have not been included for this gathering is causing unfavorable reaction here since it is felt that all-party representation in the past proved most satisfactory in helping opposition groups to get first-hand knowledge of such affairs and added discussions on difficult international problems in the House of Commons.

CLEARING OUT COMMUNISTS

Apparently dissatisfied with the Trades and Labor Congress executive policy toward Communists, important officers of a group of unions held a meeting in the capital to force action against those who play ball or tolerate Communists in the T.L.C. and this may lead to one of the biggest intra-labor battles seen in many years in this country, especially since it can be interpreted as a threat to the leadership of President Percy Bengough of the T.L.C. However Mr. Bengough himself has said "we don't take it very seriously", explaining here that the executive only "carries out the policies that are laid down by our annual conventions and if the annual convention next month wishes to change policy that is its business."

GOING EXTREMELY WELL

"It had a very good time during the war, a very good time," said H. A. Dyde, K.C. counsel for the Royal Commission on Prices, during a hearing in which Frank Millington, secretary of the Shoe Manufacturers Association of Canada, testified. "You give me the opening for saying that I think the shoe industry is doing extraordinarily well." Mr. Millington pointed out that from 1937-1941, 98 of 134 shoe firms studied by the prices board during the war either lost money, merely broke even or made profits not exceeding 2.99% on sales while only 3 had made a profit of 10% on sales.

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"If I knew how prices would go, I would make a fortune", said Trade Minister Howe when asked about the effect on prices of the near-record U.S. crop. "I don't know", he emphasized.

"Canada is one of the most important markets contributing to our industrial recovery during the post war period", declared E. L. Gilpin, leader of the British engineering mission stating here that his group was in Canada to increase trade.

"He shows no tendency to lean on the state", Veterans Minister Gregg, VC, said about veterans in Canada during an address.

"The CCL has repeatedly urged that industries which are national in scope should be brought under the Act and that the Government should have power to step into disputes which concern the country as a whole," Pat Conroy, secretary of the Canadian Congress of Labor, remarked here criticizing the new Federal Labor Code.

"I welcome the coming into force of this new Act designed to protect Labor's rights," commented Percy Bengough, head of the Trades and Labor Congress, on same code.

WEEKLY WIND-UP

A U.S. Congressional House ruling has cut off shipments of war materials to foreign countries including Canada, for a short time but it is understood here that Canada's purchases of such materials are limited anyhow to such necessary weapons which are not made in this country.

The Newfoundland delegation which will open negotiations to bring it into the Canadian Confederation is expected here about the middle of this month.

John W. Pickersgill who has acted as special aid to Premier King for a number of years may be appointed to a high post in the External Affairs Department.

The National Film Board production "Drug Addict", is not going to be shown to the public for the present but may be used for training and clinical purposes.

Dutch nationals gathered at the home of the Netherlands Ambassador to Canada Dr. J. H. van Roijen to celebrate the golden jubilee of former Queen Wilhelmina of Holland with a different kind of reception taking place here on this occasion, since the people gathered comprised practically ordinary Dutch immigrants and other Dutch settlers in Canada, including many farm workers, instead of customary dignitaries and other prominent persons in this capital.

Though all U.S. air lines have announced now higher passenger fares, yet it is believed that the Trans Canada Air Lines is not contemplating a similar move.

Two Canadian scientists, Dr. L. G. Cook and Dr. H. W. Sargent, both engaged in work at Chalk River, Ont., atomic pilot plant, are going to London England for talks on atomic energy with British and U.S. experts according to Dr. C. J. Mackenzie, head of the national Research Council of Canada.

The Defence Department has applied to the CBC to establish a 100-watt broadcasting station at Hay River in the Northwest Territories.

There will be no wholesale dismissal of qualified non-veteran civil servants it is reported here.

Everyone is looking for the answer to Communism.

People are finally waking up to the fact that communism is not merely a political or an economic system, but an ideology. You can't shoot an idea, buy it off, or out-manoeuvre it politically. Spy scares, trials and a red rash of hysteria don't deal

with it either.

Too few people see it as part of the deadly cancer of materialism which has thrived on democracy's apathy and softness. Men have said continue don page 5

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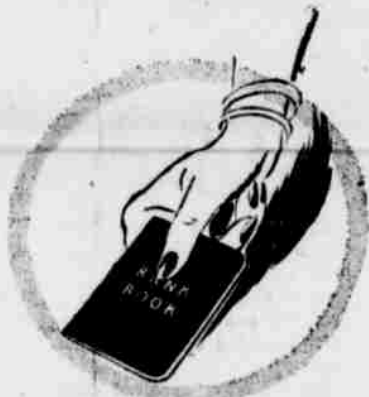
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